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## Cloak and Dagger Dangers

Rightly and properly the United States has made it clear that it will fight if necessary to protect hemispheric security from any threats from Cuba. But if any fighting is going to be done involving the United States, the United States should do it. Certainly no free wheeling invaders using this country as base should be allowed to take responsibility or decision out of the hands of our own government.

This problem was pointed this week when the representative of a Cuban exile group, known as Alpha 66, announced in New York that one of its raiding parties had attacked a Cuban port, killing 20 persons including Russians. This statement was amplified by a communique issued in Miami by the same group. In neither place was it made clear from what point the raiders took off. But if the attack came from this country as the communiques did, the United States cannot complain if it is regarded as responsible for the raid.

Now this same group has announced that it plans to make

war on any and all ships, not just those from Iron Curtain countries, which are carrying supplies to Cuba. Apparently this means shooting war on the open sea against the shipping of the world. And that could be perilously close to piracy.

Such announcements in America came at a time when rumors were widespread that the Central Intelligence Agency of this country planned to put up U. S. funds to pay Castro for the ransom of men captured in the tragic fiasco in the Bay of Pigs. Some Congressmen have objected to the U. S. paying ransom to Castro. That could be tribute to a tyrant. It could also amount to American admission of continuing responsibility in supporting forces which brought this nation once before to fiasco and humiliation.

Certainly no cloak and dagger operators should be allowed again to involve the United States in futile operations which lacked full American strength but tagged the U. S. with full responsibility. One Bay of Pigs disaster was enough for all time.